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652 645 114 better book before it. But the time of execution was put off from day to day, and I strongly suspect that the thousand copies still lie piled away forgotten in the Premier's back-office.

652 645 There were no offers to buy back the other extravagances of the late Premier, though the inventory showed a tempting variety. There was a passenger car to run on [496] [403] the tram-line from the wharf to the banana plantation; a safe that cost £150, so large as to be unsaleable even in Auckland; a book of New Zealand birds costing £11, 11s., bought in order that Mr Baker's name might figure on the title-page as joint patron with the Queen and other personages; an electric-light installation of an antiquated and useless pattern; a full outfit of electrical toys, induction coils, miniature pumps, tiny lights, dancing-dolls, &c.; and a quantity of *quasi*-scientific apparatus stored in the *Fale Saienisi* (Science House) at the College; besides a vast quantity of stores of all kinds dissipated among the natives.

451 652 We had now to devise some system of book-keeping for the revenue clerks, simplified to suit that peculiar mathematical talent that can solve a problem in higher algebra without being able to add up a column of figures correctly, yet sufficiently elaborate to admit of an accurate statement of revenue from any source at a given time, and of a check being kept upon dishonest officials.

We abolished at one sweep the old books with their complicated headings, and substituted common cash-books 451 for them. The revenue collectors gave printed receipts 652 for every payment made to them, retaining a duplicate to 651 show to the officer who audited their books. Once a-week